



City of Marietta Meeting Agenda

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Outgoing Council:

William B. Dunaway, Mayor
Annette Lewis, Ward 1
Grif Chalfant, Ward 2
Holly Walquist, Ward 3
Van Pearlberg, Ward 4
Rev. Anthony Coleman, Ward 5
Jim King, Ward 6
Philip M. Goldstein, Ward 7

Incoming Council:

Steve Tumlin, Mayor
Annette Lewis, Ward 1
Grif Chalfant, Ward 2
John V. Sinclair, Ward 3
Van Pearlberg, Ward 4
Rev. Anthony Coleman, Ward 5
Jim King, Ward 6
Philip M. Goldstein, Ward 7

Monday, January 4, 2010

7:00 PM

Council Chamber

Presiding: William B. Dunaway

Present: Philip M. Goldstein, Jim King, Rev. Anthony Coleman, Grif Chalfant, Annette Lewis and Van Pearlberg

Absent: Holly Walquist

Also Present: William F. Bruton, City Manager Douglas R. Haynie, City Attorney and Stephanie Guy, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF OUTGOING COUNCIL:

Mayor William B. Dunaway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Sam Matthews, Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dunaway called upon his daughters to lead the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Mayor Dunaway called upon Council member Pearlberg to introduce guests that were present, which included:

Cobb Board of Commissioners Chairman Sam Olens and commissioners Tim Lee and Helen Goreham; Cobb school board member David Banks; Marietta school board members Randy Weiner, Irene Berens, Superintendent Dr. Emily Lembeck; Cobb Superior Court Judge Steve Schuster; and Georgia Supreme Court Justice P. Harris Hines.

COMMENTS FROM OUTGOING MEMBERS:

The following comments were made by Mayor Dunaway:

Well, this evening is finally here, now, tomorrow, I can quit being sweet and loveable. This evening is not about me, this is about the new council and the new mayor, besides, everyone has heard from me many times before. Pardon the pun; I do not want to steal Thunder's thunder. However, naturally, I do have some brief remarks.

I sincerely want to give a "Thank You" and to express my great appreciation for the many people, groups, the city staff, and the members of the Council who have helped turn Marietta around. In this past period, Marietta has had the most progress and positive changes than in other period of its history. I don't claim credit for this, even though I like to think that I have also made contributions. These wonderful changes have been the result of the help Marietta has received from so many others.

Tomorrow morning is going to be strange, because, for eight years, I have gotten up and gone into City Hall at least five or six days a week. Not because I had to, but because I wanted to. The past eight years have been a real pleasure, even fun, because of the good that I could see happening in Marietta and because of the attitude and ability of the city staff. Yep, there were a few bad days, but no matter what, I knew that if we just worked hard and smart enough, the city was going to come out ahead...and it did. As Thunder will discover, it is great to have people give you words of help and encouragement because it "jump starts" you. Special "Thank you" for Bill Bruton, Mary Anne Landers, Doris Reidy, and Dot.

Much has been made about differences the Council and I have had, both among us and between us. However, when you review the changes in Marietta, together, we have really accomplished a lot. Our most recent example is the millions of dollars we have saved the Marietta taxpayers and the Marietta School System with our recent bonds re-financing. Because of Marietta's very strong bond rating, our taxpayers will have saved over \$4.8 dollars. Additionally, because of this same bond rating, the Parks Bond buyers paid a premium over the face amount of \$25 million. Now, the new Mayor and Council have \$26.8 dollars to invest in the future of our parks. Now don't get worried, the city has to pay back only the \$25 million face amount of the bonds. Marietta truly is an "All America City," and it became that because of a lot of hard work by everyone. I do not have an "on or off button" for my care, support, and love for Marietta.

Just like you, I still have dreams for Marietta's future. This is work that will never be finished. I do take great pleasure in thinking about what can happen in Marietta in the future. I hope I can find ways to continue to make contributions to this future.

If Thunder receives the same support from the public and the city staff that I have received, Marietta will have a great future and Thunder will be a great mayor. I do have confidence in him. I am going to miss all of this, but I know I made the correct decision to step aside. It is well.

Thank you again to everyone and to the council members who have helped me so much. This has been the most rewarding and satisfying period of my life. Truly, it has all been wonderful.

PRESENTATIONS:**- Resolution for William B. Dunaway presented by Philip M. Goldstein**

Philip M. Goldstein:

“You might think that I drew the short straw, but it doesn’t work that way. Since before I got on Council, the senior member or members of Council are able to do the presentations and they are kind of tongue and cheek presentations. So for once I get to have a little bit of fun with the Mayor. Now it has been about eight years that we have been working on this resolution. There are a few details that we thought might need to be covered, but we figured that eight years worth might be too long. So we narrowed it down a little bit for you. This is the resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: William B. Dunaway has served the city of Marietta as Mayor for the past eight years, leading many a charge and lighting many a fire in his March Through Marietta; and

WHEREAS: A Mayoral policy of Scorched Earth has produced some charcoal-broiled council members; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Bill never met a fight he didn’t like and has never been known to back down from controversy, regardless of the odds.

WHEREAS: Some notable victories on his watch, accomplished jointly with City Council and staff, include selling Fibernet, leasing the Marietta Conference Center and Resort to the Hilton, and the naming of Marietta as All America City; and

WHEREAS: A practitioner of the direct style of communication also known as “Shooting from the Lip”, Mayor Bill has not shrunk from engaging in verbal battles with the hometown newspaper, various Council members and the occasional private citizen, earning him the title, “Let the Chips Fall Dunaway” or as Dick Yarbrough wrote nicknaming him Bill “Stormy” Dunaway

WHEREAS: Respected as a fierce advocate for Marietta, he is a citizen who genuinely loves his city and is willing to go the distance to make it a better place; now

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED that WILLIAM B. DUNAWAY having completed two successful terms as Mayor of Marietta returns to private life with the thanks and best wishes of the City Council for his dedicated leadership and determined advocacy of Marietta.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dunaway adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF JUSTICE P. HARRIS HINES:

City Attorney Douglas Haynie introduced Justice P. Harris Hines, Georgia Supreme Court.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Justice P. Harris Hines administered the oath of office and loyalty oath to Mayor Steve Tumlin.

Justice P. Harris Hines administered the oath of office and loyalty oath to the newly elected city council members:

Ward 1 – Annette Paige Lewis

Ward 2 – Griffin Lee Chalfant, Jr.

Ward 3 – John V. Sinclair

Ward 4 – Van Pearlberg

Ward 5 – Rev. Anthony Coleman

Ward 6 – James William King

Ward 7 – Philip Michael Goldstein

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF INCOMING COUNCIL:

Mayor Steve Tumlin called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

“I’d like to thank Doug Haynie for arranging Justice Hines to be here and Dr. Sam Matthews. It is good for all of us, but especially important to me because when you have two of my mentors in life, Harris being a judge in Cobb County and a justice in Atlanta, Dr. Matthews at First United Methodist Church, they both help me keep my feet on the path. I appreciate them both for what they do and their leadership. Harris and Helen especially because we raised sons together and our sons, the statute of limitations has run Harris, so I can talk a little bit, they kept us on the phone quite a bit talking to each other. But it was a delight working together and raising families together.

I’d also like to thank the Clerk’s office and the City Manager’s office who put together the delightful reception that we had from 6-7, and just would like to thank them. As part of the roll call we’re going to start with, each council member is welcome to whatever remarks they’d like to make and I’d like to start with Council member Lewis, ward 1.

REMARKS:

Ward 1 – Annette Lewis

“I would like to echo the Mayor’s comments with a thank you to all the staff for pulling all this together for us. As usual, I would like to thank the residents of ward 1 for allowing me to continue to represent you and to serve in the capacity as your council person. It is a great privilege. To my friends, mentors and colleagues thank you for your advice and support through the years and I will depend on that support in all the years coming. And to my family, it’s a thank you for the sacrifices you make and you continue to make every single day so that I can serve the city that I love so much. Thank you for all being here this evening.”

Ward 2 – Grif Chalfant

“I would also like to echo the sentiments of Annette and thank the staff, Bill Bruton for the excellent job and Mayor Dunaway. We’ve had a lot of fights, but we both had the heart of Marietta in mind with everything we did. Thank my constituents in ward 2 for sending me back. I’ve been advised by my previous councilman Pete Waldrep that I’m not suppose to say anything when he’s doing this...cut it off. Thank you all.”

Ward 3 – John V. Sinclair

“I want to take a few moments to thank my opponent in the election, Holly Walquist for her service on the City Council and also for her many years of service to the City. We fought a tough race and she was certainly a worthy opponent! It’s my hope, and I know it will be the case that she’ll stay involved in serving our great City.

I want to also say, "thank you" and "congratulations" to outgoing Mayor Bill Dunaway. It was a great honor for me to serve as a City Councilman under Mayor Dunaway for 4 years during his first term as Mayor. I know that he counts 3 things among his most important accomplishments as Mayor: ridding the taxpayers of the burden of Marietta Fibernet, the severing of our Management

Contract at the Conference Center, and the formation of the Marietta Redevelopment Authority and launching of our redevelopment efforts. I was very happy to have supported him on those goals and I want to thank him again for his leadership on those issues, and also thank him for his 8 years as Mayor and his lifetime of service to the City of Marietta.

To both Mayor Dunaway and Holly Walquist, I want to make this promise: I know that continued redevelopment, protection of our environment and the development of a world class Parks and Recreation system for the City were some of your top goals over the past 4 years. I acknowledge your tireless work on these issues and I promise to make them my goals too. I hope you'll stay involved in our efforts to accomplish them.

As with any election there are countless people to thank. I won't thank them all, but let me mention a few: First and foremost let me thank the voters of Ward 3 who remembered my service on the City Council and believed in me and my vision for the City. My mother, my number one weapon in politics and one of my best friends. She is truly one of the greatest women I know. My father and his wife Lauren who fed me dinner almost every night after campaigning. My two brothers David and Sam (who is a senior at Marietta High School). My wonderful barbecue fundraiser was held in Whitlock Heights by Joanna and Paul Conyngham, Ed & Candace Bentley and June Bentley. Former City Councilman Pete Waldrep who was a wonderful sounding board and source of advice for me throughout the campaign. Former City Councilwoman Betty Hunter who encouraged me through the entire campaign and I know I'll be able to count on for advice over the next 4 years. Former City Councilman Dan Cox, whose support I am SO thankful for that words can barely express it. Mr. Cox does an excellent job as Director of the Marietta Museum of History and is now overseeing its absorption of the Marietta Aviation Museum. Former Board of Education member Margaret Barfield, who was an excellent source of advice on how to run a successful campaign. And finally, former Council member Andy Morris encouraged me throughout the whole process never to give up. I'm very honored to have those 5 people here in the audience tonight.

Also I want to thank Bill and Shelby Hagemann who helped me decide to run for council and stood with me through the entire campaign. They are two people who have put their own money on the line for redevelopment in the City of Marietta and I'm so thankful to them both for their friendship. Tim and Joanne Cole who publicly stood up for me in our neighborhood and share a commitment to making Marietta the best place it can be. Susan Wacasey, Judy Snelson and Michael Helenek who all walked door to door through the neighborhoods on my behalf. I thank them all for their friendship and support. Mr. Bill Poston Mr. Tom Browning and Mrs. Cathy Colquitt who encouraged me to never give up during the campaign. To all of you, I will not forget your friendship and support.

This was my 3rd election and there's always crazy story to tell people about the campaign. I have 2 quick stories to tell you: One day I was campaigning in a neighborhood called Whitlock Square, parked my car outside the neighborhood. As I was done, came out and a man was walking towards me. He said is that you parked at the entrance to our neighborhood, and I thought this is not going to be good. I said, yes that is me and he said, well I just ran into your car. So I turned around the corner and sure enough he had rear ended my car. Turns out he was a constituent, so I'm happy to report he went home with a "Johnny Sinclair for City Council" sign and put it right in his yard. Another story, another day I was campaigning in this neighborhood and walked up to this ladies house. I was on a bee line for her house. As I walked towards the front door, out of the right side of my eye I saw something running towards me, turned to see the family dog come out of the garage. I thought, oh what a nice dog and I almost reached over to pet it when it leap through the air coming straight towards my midsection. I turned a little bit and the dog bit me on the leg. While I stood there in shock bleeding, the dog jumped up and bit me on the other leg. I stood in this woman's poor yard and of course she came out hysterical, apologizing. We had a great talk, talked politics and about a week later I drove by her house and she had my opponents sign in her yard. I almost gave up right there and then.

Many people have asked me, "What's the first thing you're going to do at City Hall?" or "What's your agenda going to be?" and I have to remind them that I'm going to be a part of a team of 7 people. I'm very excited to be working on this team of a great City Council and our new Mayor Thunder Tumlin, as well as our City Manager Bill Bruton, our City Attorney Doug Haynie and our City Clerk Stephanie Guy.

Walking door to door and meeting all the voters face to face was a very rewarding experience and it again reminded me of how many great people live in our town and what a great place it is to live and raise a family. Again thank you to the voters of Ward 3 for electing me, I look forward to working for you for the next 4 years.

Ward 4 – Van Pearlberg

"He took all my time. First of all, let me take the opportunity to thank the voters of ward 4 for their confidence and trust and allowing me to return to council as their representative. I would like to thank all those people over the last 4 years who trusted me with their concerns and issues. And I hope as a result of those concerns and issues being addressed and resolved, that the City of Marietta Georgia is a better place to live work and play.

The next 4 years, I'm looking forward to working with and assisting my fellow council members, working with Mayor Tumlin and also the citizens in making Marietta an even better place to live, work and play. I have many people to thank. In my position on council, I am reminded of the story of the turtle sitting on top of the fence post. When asked how he got there, he responded certainly not by myself. In the audience tonight, I'm thrilled by the presence of my sister Ronnie and my brother-in-law Lenny Dinin; also I'm so privileged to have my good friends Rose Wing and Susan Miller here. Judge Steve Schuster and his wife Reva here in attendance. I also have to take a moment to acknowledge and thank attorneys Tom Cauthorn and Justin O'Dell for their legal representation to my challenge to holding this office. Their representation was professional and awesome and but for their efforts, I may not be sitting here tonight. The only way to say thank you is to tell you that they are located at 201 Cherokee Street in Marietta Georgia and their phone number is 528-0150.

My son is here tonight. He is a hardworking, dutiful individual; he's a good son, and Scott your mother and I are very proud of you. Lastly but mostly importantly, I must thank my wife Patty. Her concern for the community is evident by her position on the Wellstar Neighborhood Board, the Cobb County Development Board and Board members of the Georgia Ballet just to name a few. In the last 4 years in some zoning cases, she has transformed our house into a neighborhood meeting place where residents, developers, attorneys and citizens gather to resolve their differences. All I can say is each matter has been a win win for the City and all the parties. One such example is Starbucks on Church Street.

Also Patty, let me say publically how much I appreciate your understanding of the time I need to spend away from home attending committee meetings, neighborhood meetings, homeowner association meetings in order to properly do the job as councilman. When confronted with an issue before council, I know that I can always depend on Patty's intellect, experience and reasoning to assist me in my decision. Oh we don't always agree, but I still appreciate her input and insight. The citizens of ward 4 may have me as their councilman, but they are really lucky that I have her. I know I am and I love you very much. Thank you.

Ward 5 – Rev. Anthony Coleman

"Thank you Mayor Tumlin. First of all I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who allowed us all to be here tonight. And it's by His Grace that we are here tonight. First of all I want to acknowledge Him. I want to thank all the citizens of the City of Marietta for being here tonight. With that, I want to take this opportunity to express gratitude of thanks to the citizens of ward 5 for re-electing me to this seat. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you. I want to thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your support. It truly has been a blessing. I want to thank my son for being here tonight, my father, and my mother.

But first of all let me say this about my mother, and I want to look at her as I say this. I want to thank you for your sacrifice, your time, your talent, for working and supporting me. I am so grateful for that. I'm appreciative of it. Thank you for raising me and bringing me up the right way and being the leader that I am in the community and having a passion to serve all people. I love you dearly for that, from the depths of my heart. You are a blessing to me; you're a blessing to me. You are truly a blessing to me and I thank God for you. I thank God for my son, my father; I thank God for my pastor who is a visionary. He's here tonight from Vision for Souls Worship Center.

I want to thank all my friends that are here tonight, my neighbors, all the citizens of Marietta; you are a wonderful people in this great city that we make up. I am proud to serve you all and want to continue to make you proud. But I ask this, pray for this Mayor and Council because the Bible declares the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. As long as we keep God in the forefront we cannot go wrong. Let him be our guide in our decision making. You all may not always agree with us, but when we are at the table making these decisions, don't think we are making these decisions lightly. We're taking time to discuss these issues because they are tough issues. And some of these issues we have to pray about. And I thank God for that. Also I want to say to the local clergy, we are all men of God that have a passion to serve this community because a house that is divided cannot stand. So we have to stand on the foundation of what we believe in and what we stand for in this country and in this great City of Marietta.

I want to thank the community leaders, business leaders, for their support and encouragement and I want to thank you for sharing in this moment with me. May God continue to bless you all and may heaven smile upon you. If this is being televised, I want to say to my aunts in Tampa Florida, Aunt Barbara, Aunt Gladys, I love you all dearly. I'm sorry you were not able to be here, but you will get to see it. God bless you all. Thank you.

Ward 6 – Jim King

"Thank you Mr. Mayor. First the good news, I have absolutely nothing prepared here for you. I have no written script. But before I start, if I could, I want to check the updated agenda, because certainly it has been updated. I guess I'm a little confused. The last time we got together and had this many people, we were talking about Whitlock if you remember. I've never seen this many people and there's nothing about Whitlock on the agenda, so that's excellent isn't it.

I also learned Mr. Mayor; I had no idea how much pull the City Attorney Doug Haynie had with you. Philip and I both know, he's been over there saying get those people away from me. And if you don't remember, Philip was there and I was there next to Doug, and now you see we are as far from Doug and we can possibly get. So there's obviously a lot of pull there; strong connection.

I do want to thank all the citizens of Marietta, not just the ones from ward 6, but also all across the city. You've put a lot of trust in this group. I want to share with you, it's something that Justice Hines said that I hadn't thought about in quite a while, but I want to put it on your heart. I see a good friend of mine Ken Dollar, he and I both have, besides being on the Planning Commission, have both served as referees. This is something you can relate to. Ken I know you have been on the field doing the job and you've had people just screaming at you. Everybody wants to tell you how easy it is, oh you missed that call, you missed this call, you miss that, but when you are the one with the whistle and when you blow the whistle it matters. Everything is different and when you're on this side of the table and you've got a red button and a green button. I'm going to tell you the truth folks, sometimes our fingers tremble, they tremble over those buttons because they are not easy decisions to make. You may not agree with what we're doing, but we are doing them out of the bottom of our hearts to do the right thing.

Just remember us as you think about the challenges that this city faces and all that we've got ahead of us, you've got 8 individuals here that are doing their best and we need your prayers, we do, and your thoughts. It's very easy to argue, but when you have that whistle in your mouth and it matters, that's when you really need to help the folks out. So thank you all for keeping us in mind as you think about that. I want to ask also, please keep us humble and I mean that sincerely. It's a tough job here and

honestly, sometimes it goes to your head. Sometimes you start to say, wow I'm a city councilman, but we're here to represent you. I ask you that you keep us with that in mind. Help keep us humble, help keep us walking the straight and narrow and help us focus on what we need to do for all of us in the city. With that, I thank you very much.

Ward 7 – Philip M. Goldstein

"Thank you Mr. Mayor. First, I've had the opportunity to serve now for about 29 ½ years and it has been a privilege and honor to do so. I'd like to thank the citizens of ward 7 for allowing me to do that and also for giving me the opportunity to serve another 4 years. I also want to thank my wife Elise, we just had our 19 anniversary and she has allowed me to continue to serve, because without her saying I could, I would not be here. Also to my sons Joseph and David, they do without me a lot at home. Elise has to take care of a lot of things when I'm not able to make meetings or make functions and I appreciate their understanding in that I can't always be there.

To my father and mother, who are here in the audience, I want to thank you very much because the upbringing you gave me and provided me and the teachings growing up and in the store have been invaluable in setting a great foundation for me to be able to build upon. I appreciate everything you have done for me. To the City Manager, Bill you have been here now for quite awhile and you are somewhat the glue that has held this city together and held the prior councils together. A lot of folks don't understand the operations of the city, but you're the one who makes it function on a day today basis. That's your job and you have 8 bosses and somehow you seem to keep us in line or pleased and not just by a simple majority; usually unanimously. I want to commend you for the job that you do and for the staff that works under you and all the employees of the city. Because without what you do and all of the employees do, we take a lot of credit for things that you make happen and all the employees make happen. So I want to thank you very much for everything that you do and the employees for everything they do.

To my colleagues, Johnny mentioned this in his comments; it's not about what any one of us does individually, because individually we can't do anything, it's about what we do collectively as a team. Too often where I've seen councils go awry, it's when they weren't working together and being that team. The councils that I have seen work best have worked as a team and Betty Hunter, who I served with for 24 years, one of the councils she called a family. That council probably functioned the best of any council I have worked with because it did truly feel like a family and we look out for one another and we worked together.

It is my hope for these 4 years that we are now leading into, starting off with the retreat this weekend that we find that way to work together to find that feeling of family among us and to find that teamwork so that we can accomplish a lot. We can surely accomplish a great deal more all pushing in the same direction as opposed to pulling against each other. I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.

Mayor Steve Tumlin

"Well thank you. I just found out what a quality group of people I'll have the opportunity to work with. I too would like to say thank you. I'd like to ask the families of each one of the council people to please stand and let us recognize you.

When I look out over this crowd, I see friends from all different walks of life. People like Wyman Pilcher I grew up with. People from the class of 1985 that I graduated from Marietta with, or 65 I can't remember quite which. You know if Mike Wilson had ever passed me the ball, I'd have been all state in basketball. It is delightful; church members, people I work with in civic. I just see a lot of people here who love and support the city just like we all do.

I'd like to say a few more things. One, I'm delighted that the City has furnished me with a telephone. And Bill I will note that it is cut off. To my friend Bill Dunaway, we are 3 generations. Our children are friends, our fathers and mothers were friends and I'm friends with Bill. I just like to give a special

acclamations to Bill for a job well done. All 8 of us here inherit a city that is well positioned with a fine staff, infrastructure in place, a park plan with a \$25 million allotment. And we thank Bill for his outstanding leadership and especially his vision over the last 8 years. I would like to say to Dot and his 3 lovely daughters Dawn, Ann and Claire; I'd like to express our condolences, as Bill has more free time, he will be able to help you run your lives now. So smooth sailing with that.

My passion is Marietta. I didn't run just for politics or political reasons. Just hearing the name Marietta just brings a sense of joy and pride to my heart. Our predecessors over the last 175 years have given us a strong foundation, and outstanding city. I promise I won't sing this, but our Marietta High School Alma-mater says Marietta as a mother, friend and guide. And I always thought that not only of the high school, but the City. I think this city is special and it has a heart and soul. We have icons like the Marietta School System, Board of Lights and Water, our inviting Square, Kennesaw Hospital, historical homes and neighborhoods and buildings. We have 3 colleges, the Birney memorial in front of the Marietta Middle School and vibrant downtown churches, which most of them are 150 to 170 years old. In a lot of towns, churches have diminished downtown, but not Marietta. I think that speaks well for our strong sense of community here that we all enjoy.

I was privileged to be born right here at the Doctor's Hospital, which was the predecessor to the Kennestone Hospital. I have witnessed a lot of changes in Marietta. Just to name a few, when I was young, I've seen the changes being car dealerships, drug stores, Coggins Shoe Store, Medford's book Store, Pee Wees, Downtown Café, Hunt's Ice Cream, South Land Coal and Ice Company, the Confederate Memorial Day Parade, the North Georgia Fair Parade that went through the square, the YMCA, the YWCA, the Sportsman, Hunters Barbershop, Goldstein's, Leiter's, Saul's, WBIE Radio Station, Florence's, Reeves Seed Store, Fletcher's, Johnny Walker, Cobb Theater, even the Cobb County Times and Marietta Daily Journal, the "five's and dimes" and other merchants. All these are no longer on the square and they have a strong sentimental value, but despite those 15 or 20 things; I hope they brought back memories to you, Marietta keeps going forward. We change, we reinvent ourselves and we just keep looking forward and marching forward. If you ride through towns, you will see other beautiful downtown areas or beautiful squares or Main Street, but if you look through the windows their empty. Marietta still has a very vibrant healthy square with a, we have the Farmer's Market, we have all the different things on Saturday night, we have the Friday night concerts. Marietta Square is alive and well and I think it is one of the souls of our city.

In other thank yous, I'd like to thank my family and that begins with my parents, Steve and Virginia Tumlin. Different from me, they were Mariettans by choice, which makes them even more special. I was born here, but they were Mariettans by choice. They thought me love Marietta by their example of service to our great city. My father came to Marietta with his brothers and father to start a building supply place in the early 30's and they had a branch on Cherokee Street where the Cobb County building is now, fifty feet down from the square. They furnished building supplies when they were building the square. That was one of their first customers in the early 30's. Just to show the spirit of Marietta, my family had a tragedy late 1940's, W. P. Stevens Lumber Company who was a much bigger competitor, built a special bookcase as a gift to my mother as their way of saying we're thinking of you, and this shall be in my mayor's office to symbolize the spirit of our great city. That competitors can come forward and shake hands and help each other in the time of need. As my parents share much of the history of Marietta, both of its people and of its stores, from the Great Depression to the war years forward, my love for the city has always gone forward.

But now to address my family, my wife Jean Alice, and I'd like to thank her. She's had a rough spell for two or three weeks and I'm glad that she's here today. She and I have enjoyed being benefactors of being citizens of this great city. It has afforded us many great opportunities and many great friends. Plus it has been a great place to live, work, worship, and play and raise a family. We are grateful to our many Marietta friends and thank them for their support. Not only during this past election, and hopefully while I'm in office and always. I'm delighted to look to the future and why I want to serve this city is for my 3 children. Ty and his wife Ashley, my daughter Jamie and her husband Ryan, they gave me two grandchildren, Ali and Virginia; there's Ali on the front. Can you way Ali? Any my son Sig is a CPA in Atlanta. I forgot to mention Ryan, my son-in-law Ryan whose back there with

my other grandchild. But it's just, I'm getting coached. It's for them; it's for the generations that follow that we all serve right now. In working with my fellow councilman, I look forward to a shared vision. Some of them we will have to hammer out more than others, but I think we can do it in a cooperative and in a way that we can come forward. I look forward to working with this outstanding council. We hope to bring to you the citizens of Marietta, a governmental creed that will incorporate fairness, efficiency, equality, openness, justice, access and balance for all. To all of us 60,000 people no matter where we live, whether it's in a residential home or whether it's in an apartment. It can even be in a trailer park. Each and every citizen is important. We will vow to take care of each and every one of them.

With the council and our great staff, we will continue to offer the best to our citizens, maintain the All American, and I guess our old nickname the Gem City designations. Just in close, I would like to say thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor. And if you ever have any complaints, please contact my secretary Betsy Kelly. Raise your hand just for complaints, I'll handle the compliments, or my spouse and life partner Jean Alice. Thank you.

BUSINESS:**20091468 Mayor Pro tem**

Appointment of Annette Paige Lewis as Mayor Pro tem for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20091469 Presiding Officer

Appointment of Rev. Anthony Coleman as Presiding Officer for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20091471 Economic/Community Development Committee

Appointment of Griffin Lee Chalfant, Jr., as Chairman, John V. Sinclair and Rev. Anthony Coleman to the Economic/Community Development Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20091472 Finance/Investments Committee

Appointment of Annette Paige Lewis as Chairman, James W. King and Philip M. Goldstein to the Finance/Investments Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091473 Judicial/Legislative

Appointment of Philip M. Goldstein as Chairman, James W. King and Ivan Alan Pearlberg to the Judicial/Legislative Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091474 Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Appointment of John V. Sinclair as Chairman, Annette Paige Lewis and Rev. Anthony Coleman to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091475 Personnel/Insurance Committee

Appointment of Ivan Alan Pearlberg as Chairman, Philip M. Goldstein and Griffin Lee Chalfant, Jr., to the Personnel/Insurance Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091476 Public Safety Committee

Appointment of Rev. Anthony Coleman as Chairman, Ivan Alan Pearlberg and John V. Sinclair to the Public Safety Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091477 Public Works Committee

Appointment of James W. King as Chairman, Griffin Lee Chalfant, Jr., and Annette Paige Lewis to the Public Works Committee for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091470 BLW Council Representative

Appointment of Griffin Lee Chalfant, Jr., as the council representative on the Board of Lights and Water (BLW) for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091479 Marietta Board of Education Council Liaison

Appointment of Annette Paige Lewis as the council liaison to the Marietta Board of Education for a one year term expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091478 Marietta Housing Authority Council Liaison

Appointment of Rev. Anthony Coleman as the council liaison to the Marietta Housing Authority for a term of one year expiring on January 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

20091417 Pension Board Appointments

Appointment of Philip M. Goldstein (Post 2) and John V. Sinclair, Jr., (Post 3) to the Pension Board for their duly elected term of office, which expires on January 6, 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

2091494 Council Liaison Appointments

Consideration of additional council liaison appointments as designated (or may be deferred to a later date):

Higher Education (Life, Southern Poly, Chattahoochee) - John V. Sinclair

Wellstar/Medical Community - Ivan Alan Pearlberg

Lockheed/Military - James W. King

Faith Based Community - Rev. Anthony Coleman

Chamber/Marietta Division - Philip M. Goldstein

A motion was made by Council member Goldstein, seconded by Council member King, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0

Approved

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-tem Annette Lewis adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date Approved: January 13, 2010

Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Attest: _____
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk